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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2 and 9.

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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application and are rejected. Claims 1-7 are herein amended.

#### **Applicant's Response to Objections to the Abstract**

The Office Action objects to the abstract because all "numerical callouts" should be enclosed in parenthesis. In response, Applicant herein amends the abstract to remove these "numerical callouts." Applicant also herein makes other minor amendments in order to ensure that the abstract is 150 words or less. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### **Applicant's Response to Objections to the Drawings**

The Office Action objects to the drawings because reference character 11 was used to designate both "female screw portion" in Figure 2, and "thick walled portion" in Figure 5. In response, Applicant here amends the specification and drawings to change the reference character which identifies the "female screw portion" to be a previously unused character, "18." Replacement sheets for Figures 2 and 9 are attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### **Applicant's Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

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First, the Office Action notes that the limitation “rubber-like” is indefinite because it is unclear what products are considered to be “rubber-like.” Therefore, Applicant herein amends the claims in order to delete “rubber-like.” Applicant also amends to claims to recite “a first elastomer” and “a second elastomer” such that vibration isolating base 3 and the elastic partition membrane 10 may be formed of the same or different elastomer materials. Additionally, the Office Action identifies a series of limitations which lack antecedent basis or are otherwise unclear. In response, Applicant herein amends the claims to improve their form and clarity. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### **Double Patenting**

**Claims 1, 2 and 4 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 4 of the copending application Serial No. 11/076,062 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0200060).**

The Office Action states that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter limitations in claims 1, 2 and 4 of the copending application encompasses the subject matter of pending claims 1, 2 and 4.

Because the claims in Serial No. 11/076,062 have not yet issued, this rejection is a provisional rejection. Therefore, it is not necessary to respond to the rejection at this time. Thus, Applicant respectfully defers action with regard to this rejection.

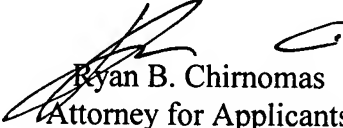
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For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures: Replacement drawing sheets for Figures 2 and 9